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BARRIERS ON INDIAN IMPORTS BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has asked the Chinese Government to relax barriers on IT imports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether India had asked Chinese Government to provide more landing rights to Indian TV channels, Indian films etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response received from Chinese Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a)&(b) The issue of market access for Indian IT exports was raised by commerce and Industry Minister at the 8th session of India −China Joint Group on Economic Relations, Trade, Science and Technology (JEG) held on 19th January,2010 in Beijing. The CIM also raised the issue of exclusion of Indian IT vendors in Chinese Government procurement tenders. The Chinese side noted the concern of Indian Side. As an outcome of 8th JEG a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on expansion of trade and Economic cooperation was signed between India and China. The MoU makes reference to encouraging greater collaboration between India and China in the IT and ITES.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) During the 8th session of India −China JEG held on 19th January,2010 the Commerce and Industry Minister mentioned that the television and entertainment industry was another area of mutual cooperation. The Chinese side agreed that the Indian films were indeed very entertaining and further exposure to such films would be certainly welcomed by all. The CIM reminded the Chinese side about the proposal made by the Zee TV in September, 2006 for landing right and urged the Chinese side to expedite landing right to Zee TV. The Chinese side promised to take immediate action to expedite this.